

Town of Bristol, Vermont
Ordinance Regulating Pedestrian Cross Walks

The Selectboard of the Town of Bristol hereby enacts the following ordinance for the regulation of traffic at marked and/or designated cross walks within the Town of Bristol.

Purpose: To protect the health, safety and welfare of pedestrians within the Town of Bristol by regulating traffic at marked and/or designated cross walks within the Town of Bristol.

Article 1. This ordinance shall apply to all motor vehicles, as defined by Vermont Statute Title 23, as follows.

(a) If traffic-control signals are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if necessary, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.

(b) No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for a driver to yield. No pedestrian may cross a street where a traffic light is green for that street (absent a pedestrian crossing light) and may only cross when that light is red.

(c) If any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

Article 2. Enforcement: This ordinance is enacted by the Bristol Selectboard to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the Town under the authority granted to regulate as set forth in VSA 24, Chapter 59, Sections 1971 – 1973 and VSA 23, Chapter 13, Section 1008. Violators may be issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for a violation of Regulations in a Municipality, 23VSA1008, with the penalties set forth therein.

Article 3. Previous Ordinances: The provisions of any ordinance or regulation of the former Incorporated Village of Bristol or Town of Bristol heretofore enacted or adopted which are the same as or are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance or regulation are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance or regulation to cure any inconsistency.

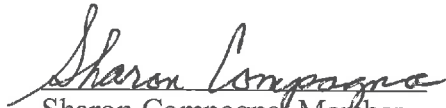
Article 4. Severability: If a court of competent jurisdiction shall deem any part or provision of this Ordinance invalid, that portion of the Ordinance shall be severable, and the invalidity of said part or provision shall not invalidate any other part or provision of the Ordinance.

Article 5. Effective Date: Dated and adopted this 30th day of November 2009, in the State of Vermont, County of Addison, Town of Bristol. Ordinance to become effective January 29, 2010.

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Carol Wells, Chair


Approved Nov. 30 2009


Sharon Compagna, Member

Attest:

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